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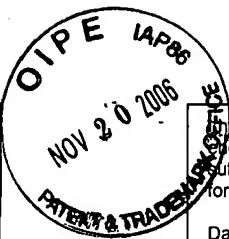
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 19 September 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 19 December 2006. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. The considered claims, claims 17-25, were rejected.

Applicants appreciate the thoughtful discussion provided by Examiner Hanley at an interview with undersigned on 18 October 2006.

Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and to the issues raised at the interview, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.